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Letter dated 2 May 2014 from the Permanent Representative of the Syrian Arab Republic to the United Nations addressed to the President of the General Assembly

In reference to your letters dated 14 January 2014 and 1 May 2014, regarding the fourth review of the United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy and the appointment of the Permanent Representative of Turkey to the United Nations as facilitator, I would like to express Syria's strong rejection of that appointment.

Throughout the three years of the Syrian crisis, the Government of the Syrian Arab Republic has drawn the attention of United Nations officials and organs to the destructive role the Turkish Government plays by fuelling the crisis in Syria. We explained, through hundreds of identical letters, the Turkish violations of international law, provisions of the Charter of the United Nations, and international and regional instruments on counter-terrorism, including the United Nations Global Strategy itself.

The Turkish Government is a major supporter of terrorism. It has been coordinating, receiving, funding, arming and hosting tens of thousands of terrorists associated with Al-Qaida and its affiliates and other *takfiri* terrorist groups. It has also facilitated their entry into Syrian territory and provided them with rear bases on its own territory. When the Turkish regime's agenda in Syria failed, the Turkish army, acting on instructions from the Head of the Turkish Government, embarked on a blatant campaign of aggression against Syria. Turkish army tanks and artillery participated directly, with the terrorist group Al-Nusra Front, in the attack against the city of Kassab and the surrounding area.

The Turkish Government's clear and well-known support of terrorism is a manifestation of the threats "Erdoğan"'s Government poses to peace and security in the region, Europe and the world.

I should be grateful if the present letter could be circulated as a document of the General Assembly.

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